

apparatus. It is respectfully submitted that in the *Takahashi et al.* reference, it is monitor 25 that controls operation of VTR 10. As such, claim 1 [10] does not read on the *Takahashi et al.* reference.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner replace the paragraph contained in the Reply filed on June 13, 2002, with the above paragraph and consider the arguments set forth above.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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